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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Walter Bedell Smith
Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Organization of Panels "H" and "I"

After informal discussion between [REDACTED] of my Staff and
the Panel members concerned, I have decided to designate [REDACTED] 25X1

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[REDACTED] (The Principal CIA Member
of Panel "I") as Chairman of Panel "I" and Mr. Richard H. Sanger
(The Principal Department of State Member of Panel "H") as Chairman
of Panel "H". Captain Richard N. Antrim, USN and Colonel Paul C. 25X1
Davis, AUS, are the respective Executive Secretaries. [REDACTED]
has discussed these assignments with [REDACTED] and Mr. Sanger,
who have quite willingly accepted the chairmanships.

While I consider this arrangement most suitable for the
expeditious development of the South East Asia and Middle East
Plans, I should like to emphasize that I do not believe this action
should be looked upon as establishing a precedent for the assign-
ment of the chairmanship of all PSB Panels. I have found in the
past [REDACTED] since I can make [REDACTED] members of my staff free to devote
practically their full time to planning panels, and since they are
in a position to be intimately familiar with the role, procedures
and objectives of PSB, as well as with the background leading to
the establishment of planning requirements, it is in many cases
best to designate a PSB Staff member as chairman.

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I am happy that in the present instance [REDACTED] and
Mr. Sanger will be able to devote an appropriate share of their
time to the accomplishment of the respective planning tasks.

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Director

cc: Mr. Allen Dulles

NSC review completed.

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